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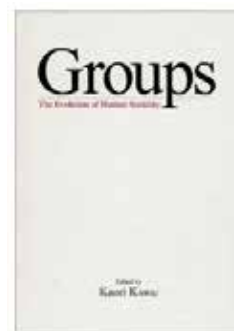
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on research into human beings and those studying non-human primates develop the debate about groups in the context of their own areas of expertise, at times in ways that extend beyond the boundaries of their fields.



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This volume is the product of a collaborative project based at the Research Institute for Languages and Cultures of Asia and Africa at the Tokyo University of Foreign Studies. Researchers primarily involved in three fields—primate sociology and ecology, ecological anthropology and socio-cultural anthropology—came together to discuss the shape and variations of groups as sympatric entities and the evolutionary historical foundations that have led to the orientation of groups in present-day human society. To that end, the chapters in this volume turn to non-human primates for comparative purposes to consider the nature of the evolutionary historical foundations of sociality.

In place of the past objective of “reconstructing” the ecology and society of early humans, the works in this book instead aim to re-identify the creation and evolution of that which is social and challenge the prevailing theory of groups in socio-cultural anthropology. Specialists

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## <FROM THE EDITORS>

It is our pleasure to reach the 20<sup>th</sup> year of *Pan Africa News (PAN)*, which was founded in the summer of 1994. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who has generously supported us as readers, contributors, and reviewers.

The late Professor Toshisada Nishida, the first Chief Editor, launched *PAN* in response to an idea generated at the conference "Understanding Chimpanzees", which took place in Chicago, in November 1986. Dr. Jane Goodall and other chimpanzee experts felt that they needed a newsletter in which fieldworkers studying wild chimpanzees at various sites could share their information and experiences. At that time, the Gombe and Mahale projects had accumulated research experience spanning more than two decades, and many other projects exploring the two *Pan* species had emerged across Equatorial Africa. However, researchers were not always familiar with on-going studies and the conservation status of chimpanzees at sites other than their own. All they could get was relatively limited information through papers published in certain journals with wider readerships. *PAN* was intended to serve as a forum where fieldworkers interested in the *Pan* species could communicate informally to facilitate their research and conservation efforts.

For the past two decades, *PAN* has successfully lived up to expectations, but its role seems to have expanded. In 1997, we adopted a new editorial system for managing the submission and peer-review process to meet the needs of fieldworkers wanting to publish small findings about the *Pan* species, given that other scientific journals, even primatology journals, tend not to publish papers based on

a single or rare observation. Subsequently, the diversity of wild chimpanzee behaviours in different areas became a hot topic, interesting many researchers. As a result, many good papers with invaluable findings, raising important issues, have appeared in *PAN* and, due to our open-access policy, have circulated within the scientific community and been cited frequently in other journals.

As we enter a new decade of *PAN*, we feel the need to change several of its elements so that we can maximize the niche that this journal has occupied. Such changes and improvements could include the guidelines for authors, editorial policy, publishing schedule, page layout, and journal title/description.

We might also widen the scope of this journal. Although we will keep our old policies regarding publishing information confined to chimpanzees and bonobos in the wild or in sanctuaries in Africa, it might benefit *PAN* readers if we publish papers on other species and news that is relevant to research and conservation of the *Pan* species. Next, we might start online publication on the day of acceptance, because the current biannual publication can keep early contributors waiting for 5~6 months until they see their accepted papers. Third, we should define policies for research ethics that we should observe while studying wildlife in Africa. We want to make such improvements in time for the next issue. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

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Some editing changes have been applied to this issue. We have changed the citation style. We have abandoned the original style of superscript numerical citations in the text and adopted the more common style of the author's surname and publication year. References at the end of the paper should be listed alphabetically by the author's surname.

From the next issue forward, the deadline for manuscripts will be 1 month earlier; it has changed from the end of November to the end of October, which enables us to ask authors to correct their proofs. When you submit your manuscript, you can suggest two potential expert reviewers. You can also suggest researchers to whom we should avoid sending your manuscript for reasonable reasons. For further details, please see the online information.

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